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TOURISTS ARRIVAL IN NER
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of tourists visiting the North Eastern Region (NER) has increased manifold in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and

(c) the measures contemplated by the Ministry to sustain this encouraging trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.KANTI SINGH)

(a) and (b): The latest figures of tourist visits in 2008,as per the information received from State Governments of North Eastern Region, and the corresponding figures for 2007,are given below:-

State	Period of year	Tourist Visits 2007	2008
Arunachal Pradesh	January-October	50307	51107
Assam	January-October	3003983	3150179
Manipur	January-December	101880	112505
Meghalaya	January-June	208166	252546
Mizoram	January-December	43830	56826
Sikkim	January-May	182857	209054
Tripura	January-December	247976	249015

The figures of Nagaland are not available.

(c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for project proposals submitted by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations that are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. During the year 2007-08, an amount of Rs.174.69 crore was sanctioned for 86 tourism projects in the North Eastern Region.